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John Worledge House  
323 East Broadway  
Salem, Salem County, New Jersey

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Owner: Miss Lucy M. Acton

Date of Erection: Brick section 1727; frame section  
about 1728

Architect:

Builder: According to tradition John Worledge

Present Condition: Fair. Note 19th century changes, especially interior.

Number of Stories: Brick section two, frame section  
two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone and brick

Exterior walls - older unit  
brick, later addition frame  
construction

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - gambrel with dormers  
on the older section, later  
unit pitch

#### Historical Data:

It has been impossible to get definite proof that this house was built by John Worledge or even owned by him. Traditionally, this is claimed to be the home of John Worledge. On the east gable appear the initials I. W. and the date 1727 which would lend support to the theory. However, the present owner

says she understands that the I. W. stands for Isaac Wilkinson. The earliest record in Salem County belongs to the year 1804 when the property was transferred from John Goodwin to his brother-in-law William Miller. In this transfer is mentioned the fact that the property was bequeathed to John and his sister Susanna (Miller) by their father Lewis Goodwin. It is also mentioned here that it was the estate of their grandmother Rebecca Zane. This will is in Trenton entered under the year 1796; however, nothing more is found other than the marriage of one Joseph Zane to Rebecca Hill (Hile) in 1750.

William Miller in 1804 gave title to Merri-man Smith. Five years later Smith transferred the property to Lydia Gibbs. In 1842 the property was broken up into town lots and in 1843 the part with the house was sold by Lydia Gibbs to George C. Ramsey who transferred immediately to Eleanor Stratton. In 1857 the title passed to Joseph D. Test. His executors sold in 1894 to Lizzie H. Thompson. One of Test's executors was Anna L. Thompson to whom Lizzie H. Thompson assigned title and later by will her children became the heirs. The executors transferred the property to Cornelia T. Finlaw who conveyed to Lucy M. Acton in 1930.

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